P. W (1938) Department.

M SERIES.

G.O. No.	1118 L.
DATED	4.6.38.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Irrigation – Water charges
Non domestic purposes
Bellary Mk Cl. –
Reconsideration
previous order
Refused

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

13 SEP 1937 DEPARTMENT

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From (Name) Janab Gulam Nabi Sahib Bahadur, B.A.,

(Designation) Commissioner, Bellary Municipality,

Post Box ____, (Station) BELLARY.

Telegraphic Address ____

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, M A D R A S.

Through M. Narayana Rao Garu, B.A.B.L., Chairman M.C., BELLARY.

P.W.D. no. 4 dt 18.9.37 28/9

SECTIONARY TO GOVT. 20 SEP 1937 3051 PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

No. 9164/37, dated 13-9-1937.

Sir,

Enclosures 2.
G.O. Ms. No. 1297-I/15-6-34
Memorandum.

Spare Copies ____

Sub:- Assessment - Water rate - supply for non domestic purposes - Exemption requested.

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I submit herewith a copy of the Memorandum submitted to the Honourable Minister for Revenue when he visited this place on 12-8-37 and request that in the circumstances mentioned in the Memorandum the Government will be pleased to exempt this municipality from the operation of G.O.No. 1297 Irrigation dated 15-6-34.

In the more or less parallel case of Bezwada no such charge is made presumably on the ground that the wells there are sunk not in the bed of the River but in lanka lands adjoining the river bed vide G.O. No. 2045 Public Works (Irrigation) dated 31-8-36. Whether the wells are sunk in the bed of the River or in lanka lands adjoining the river margin, there can be no doubt that in both the case the ultimate source of supply is sub-soil river springs. Even if this contention is wrong, there is a strong case for at least exempting this municipality from the operation of G.O. No. 1298 Irrigation dated 15-6-34 on account of the unsatisfactory financial position of this municipality in a famine tract.

Forwarded.
Narayana Rao
Chairman 14/9/37

Commissioner. 14/9/37

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MEMORANDUM.

Bellary gets its protected water supply from infiltratic wells dug in the Hagari river at a distance of ten miles from the town. Water from these wells is pumped to the reservoir in the town and the water is lifted from the wells to a height of 215 feet. The water supply scheme is a non-house service connection scheme and so the only income the Municipal Council gets from the heavy capital outlay of Rs. 10.78 lakhs, is, the trifling sum of Rs. 7500/- collected annually for supply of water to the railways. The annual recurring expenditure on water supply is Rs. 49,166/-.

Prior to 1935, the Revenue Department was not claiming any share from the amount collected from the Railway Department But after the issue of G.O. No. 1297 Irrigation dated 15-6-34 the Collector is insisting on the Municipality paying annually as water-rate, a sum of Rs. 2500/- to the Government, representing 1/3 of the amount collected from the railways. In the above G.O. it is stated that no charge should be made when the source neither belongs to Government, nor is situated on Government land though it may be supplied from a Government source by percolation. This distinction is very subtle. The land on which the pumping station etc., stands is under alienation to the Municipality, and the water in the wells is sub-soil percolation water only and so is perhaps not entitled to be charged for by the Revenue Department, under the above G.O. Whatever the merits of this contention, the financial condition of this Municipality in a famine tract, the heavy capital outlay on the water supply scheme, and the enourmous recurring maintenance expenditure, richly entitle the Municipality for relief by way of remission of the charge for water made by the Revenue Department.

Sd/ Gulam Nabi.

Commissioner.

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Commissioner.

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Water-charge - Industrial purpose - Bellary Municipality - Exemption.

CNO. 3051D From the Comm^r, Bellary M.C, NO. D.916/37-13.

The facts stated in the Memorandum at p2 cf were already before the Govt when the orders in G.O No. 2076 S-Pub(I) d 31.8.36 were issued. The Contention that the water in the wells is sub-soil percolation water only & that the pumping installation is on land alienated to the Municipality has no bearing on the Question as the exemption in the case of sources situated on non-Govt land & not belonging to Govt is made because of the (legal) difficulty to prove that the percolation is from a Govt source. In the present case, the Municipality is not entitled to exemption under the terms of the G.O. merely because percolation water is not chargeable. Such is the case only when the source of supply is on land not belonging to Govt & does not itself belong to Govt. Further, there is no doubt in this case that percolation is from a Govt source. The only ground on which exemption may be granted is that the Municipality cannot afford to pay the charge as its revenue by the sale of water is very little, and is only all

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proportion to the annual maintenance charges. The latter is nearly seven times the former. But, as observed by the Ex Engr in his letter at p 7 of file No 20145 PW (I) d 30.8.36, there is no reason why the Municipality should be exempted on this account. Probably others are in the same position, & it will be an inconvenient precedent to depart from the principle — apart from the loss of Rs 2,500 per annum to Govt. Exemption was refused to Coimbatore, Erode, Tanjore, Coonoor & Vellore Municipalities in the past. Coimbatore has protested twice & the Govt refused to reconsider the matter. It has given a suit notice disclaiming liability to pay on certain special grounds & the Collr has been asked to take steps to defend the suit if filed. Hon (B. Th.) has recently remarked in connection with the Rajah Mundry case that he did not think it fair to charge the Municipality as it derives no income from the use for non-domestic purposes. The matter is being examined further and the file has yet to go to the Prime Minister. In the circs it is for orders whether the case as regards Bellary dealt with in this file will be re-opened. If so, it must be distinctly as a matter of grace without prejudice to the right of Govt to levy the charge later as if considered

7,500 / 49,166 (See K.

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File not put up. (This is also clear when the charge for non-domestic purposes is meant by Hon — orders were issued exempting drinking supply only, the non-domestic supply is to be charged — see p 5 ante (bottom)

Quite so

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necessary.

The file may be sent to Rev, LAD, SPH and Fin for remarks. LAD may be requested to examine whether, on the whole, the Municipality can afford to pay the charges (amounting to Rs 2,500 per annum) without serious ~~stress~~ inconvenience to itself; ~~and if so whether they (the LA dept) would be prepared to give a grant in aid to the Municipality~~.

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There seems to be no case for exemption

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Rev.
L.A.
C.V.P.H.
Fin

Revenue Dept.

To. Under Secretary,

This dept may agree with the P.W. Secretary. The file may be passed on to Land Revenue.

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L.A. Deptt. A

The Bellary Ml. C. will be able to pay the water charge of Rs 2,500 per annum without much difficulty. Vide remarks at (G) (removed in L.A. Deptt)

With these remarks the file may be passed on to the Ed PH Deptt.

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Dy Ed PH wb

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Ed P.H.

L.A.U.O. No. 27942-1-B2 dt/ 14-12-37.

Ed P.H. Deptt

The file may be perused and passed on to Irrigation wb. The whole question of the levy of water charges from Mul. Councils for water taken from Govt sources is to be placed before the Cabinet. (X)

(X) In connection with Rayalaseema conf. file in P.W. Dept. See P.S. note on p 5 ante

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Finance (Accts) Dept.

Please see the letter from the Commissioner, Bellary Municipality in the C.F.

P. W. D. Secretary considers that there is no case for exempting the municipality from the payment of Rs 2500 being ⅓ of the amount collected for supply of water to the railways. With reference to a representation from the Rajahmundry Municipa / the policy to be followe by the Govt. in the matter of levy of wate charges from municipal councils for water taken from the Govt. sources is under separate consideration and the subject will be placed before the Cabinet. The decision of the Cabinet may be applied to the present case also.

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cf. A in 2 C.F.

(A) Note not typed - for - note

Dy 6.1.38 D.W.D.

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Addl Secy

Fin no 296 Audit

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PWD

Hon (PW) has since ordered that the matter refd to above need not be placed before the Cabinet, that each case may be decided on its merits. With refce to the Note of the Hon P.M., it is proposed to issue orders exempting the Rajahmundry Municipality from the payment of charge for the water supplied for domestic purposes only. The file with a

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Sir O

draft will be sent to Sir Shortly through Rev & P.H. This case (Bellary) has therefore to be decided on its merits. Sir may be requested to offer their remarks on it

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Sir

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FINANCE DEPT.

Finance (Accounts)

Please see the previous Finance note on page 5 ante and that of the P.W.D. above.

2. It has since been decided that the general question regarding the levy of water charges from Municipal Councils need not be placed before the Cabinet and that each case may be decided on its merits.

Plan on P.W.D. note on page 5-a ante

In view of the Bellary Municipality's capacity to pay the water charge, as stated by L.A.D., and also in ivew of the Govt.'s decisions disallowing the concession in the case of other Municipalities referred to at K of the P.W.D. note on page 2 ante, it does not appear that an exception need be made in the case of the Bellary Municipality. But P.W.D. have stated that the Hon. P.M. has agreed to the waiver of the water charge from the Rajahmundry Municipality for the water supplied for domestic purposes. The exemption asked for by the Bellary Municipality is in respect of water supplied for non-domestic

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purposes. It is not known on what grounds ~~was~~ the exemption was granted to the Rajahmundry Municipality, and whether it was in spite of its being able ~~capacity~~ to pay the charge. As it is necessary to know about these facts more fully before Finance can express their view on this case, P.W.D. may be requested to send this file again to Finance along with the file relating to the Rajahmundry Municipality.

We may now consider the case of Bellary, on its own merits
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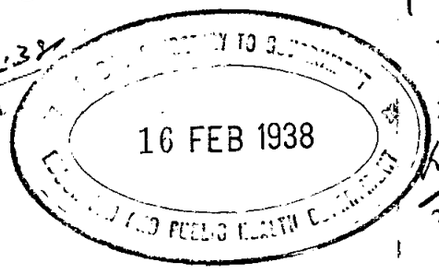

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The question in this case is as regards the Supply of water to the Bellary Municipal Council for non-domestic purposes, & this Dept may agree with the view previously expressed by the P.W.D. that there seems to be no case for exemption

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See note on pg 2-3 ante

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DWD.

The file may be sent to E+PH for remarks with ref to their note on p4 ante. ~~Draft letter with this, asking this to be issued~~ before sending to this Dept PW + PH.

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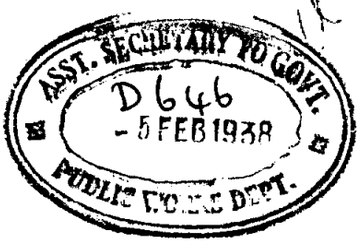

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E & G.H. Deptt

The deptt may also agree to infer the views expressed by the G.W. Secy as regards supply of non-domestic purposes and the Council is also to pay. The file may be returned to G.W. Wo.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. D 1343 1-MAR 1938 PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

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P.W.D.

Summarising 7.10

Charges for water drawn by the Bellary Municipality from wells sunk in the bed of the Hagari river and supplied by it for non-domestic purposes - Request for exemption.

It is laid down inter alia in para 6 of B.S.O. No.11-A that if a local body getting its water supply free of charge from a Govt. source is found at any time to be selling water for non-domestic purposes, it should pay to the Govt. one third of the total amount realised by it every year from such sales. These provisions in the B.S.O. follow the orders issued in G.O.No.1297-I d/15-6-34. This order applies only to cases where the source from which the water is taken belongs to Govt. No charge is made even in cases where a private source is benefited by percolation from a Govt. source. The raison d'etre for this G.O. is that as no charge is at present levied by the Govt. for water taken from Govt. sources by certain Municipal Councils for town supply, though these Councils derive income from aerated water companies and other industrial or semi-industrial concerns by charging for the water supplied to them, it is only fair that in such cases a charge should be made by Govt. for the water supplied for other than domestic purposes.

2. Bellary town gets its protected water supply from infiltration wells dug in the Hagari river at a distance of ten miles from the town. Water from these wells is pumped to the reservoir in the town and the

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water is lifted from the wells to a height of 215 feet. The water supply scheme is a non-house service connection scheme constructed at a cost of Rs.10.78 lakhs, and the only income that the Municipality gets is the sum of Rs.7,500 paid annually by the Railway company for the water supplied to it. The annual recurring expenditure on the water supply scheme is, according to the Municipality Rs.49,166.

para 1, p 2 (Z)

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3. With reference to the orders in G.O.1297-I d/15-6-34 mentioned in para 1 above, a sum of Rs.2,500 being one third of the income realised by the sale of water to the Ry. Company was demanded from the Municipality in May 1935. The Municipality contended that the wells from which it obtained water were not at all benefited by percolation from the Hagari river as there was seldom water in the river except during floods, and that in fact a good amount of money had to be spent (on the suggestion of the Sanitary Engr.) to protect the water in the wells from being contaminated by the water in the Hagari river during floods. The case of Bezwada Municipality where the water is drawn from wells sunk in the bed of the river and yet no charge is made, was also referred to. The Municipality requested exemption from payment of the charge on these grounds, and also on the grounds of financial inability.

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The C.E. to whom the matter was referred, stated that the contention that the Hagari water does not percolate into the wells was wrong, and that the infiltration wells located in the bed of the river drew their supply from the storage in the sandy bed of the river. He pointed out that the Bezwada case was on a different footing as the wells were sunk on lanka land belonging to the Municipality some distance away from

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the margin of the river and at a place where springs from the hill slope were also met with. The Govt. thereupon passed orders in Aug. 1936 stating that they saw no reason to exempt the Municipality from the payment of the charge.

4. In its letter of Sep. 1937 in the c.f. the Municipality has asked for a reconsideration of the orders on the ground that the land on which the pumping station stands is alienated to the Municipality and the water in the wells is sub-soil percolation water only. Stress was laid on its financial position by the municipality in the following words:- "The financial condition of this Municipality in a famine tract, the heavy capital outlay on the water supply scheme, and the enormous recurring maintenance expenditure, richly entitle the Municipality for relief by way of remission of the charge for water." The views of this dept. on the matter are contained in the note extracted below:-

"The contention that the water in the wells is sub soil percolation water only and that the pumping installation is on land alienated to the Municipality has no bearing on the question as the exemption in the case of sources situated on non-Govt. land and not belonging to Govt. is mainly because of the (legal) difficulty to prove that the percolation is from a Govt. source. In the present case, the Municipality is not entitled to exemption under the terms of the G.O. merely because percolation water is not chargeable. Such is the case only when the source of supply is on land not belonging to Govt. and does no itself belong to Govt. Further, there is no doubt in this case that percolation is from a Govt. source

The only ground on which exemption may be granted

is that the municipality cannot afford to pay the charge as its revenue by the sale of water is very little, and is out of all proportion to the annual maintenance charges. The latter is nearly seven times the former. But, as observed by the Executive Engineer in his letter at page 7 of G.O.No.2045 P.W.(I) d/31-8-36 there is no reason why the municipality should be exempted on this account. Probably others are in the same position and it will be an inconvenient precedent to depart from the principle - apart from the loss of Rs.2,500 per annum to Govt. Exemption was refused to Coimbatore, Erode, Tanjore, Coonoor and Vellore municipalities in the past."

Recently the Rajahmundry Municipal Council also was required to pay this charge for nondomestic supply through domestic supply was exempted. The Rev. P.H. and Fin. depts. have agreed with this department that there is no case for exemption, and the L.A.dept. have stated, after an examination of the financial position, that the Municipal council will be able to pay the charge of Rs.2500 per annum without much difficulty.

5. In the above circumstances, orders of Govt. are required whether the exemption asked for will be given. If so it may be distinctly as a matter of grace without prejudice to the right of Govt. to levy the charge later on if considered necessary. There is, howeger, no precedent so far, where exemption was granted even under this condition.

PWD

The case may now be circulated to Hons PW, Rev, PH & Hon PM for orders. A self contained note is subd below. ×

× pp 11-14 ante

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pp 11-14 ante The note below is for perusal & orders.

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(2) HM (PW) No case for exemption ~~not~~ re consideration of G.O. 2045-d/31-8-36 ~~MH~~ 2.

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HM (PH). The application for exemption need not be reconsidered.
Hon Pr
PH 3/5-/38

We may make it clear in the order to be issued that no concession is permissible to use for non-domestic purposes.

C.R 24.5.38

A draft order is subd.

2. Hon PM's remarks above seem to indicate that in no case should the charge for water for non domestic purposes ~~should be~~ be waived

apparently because such supply is ~~not~~ "unconnected with the normal Municipal administration" – See 4 note (top) to G.O.M.O. 1297 I dt 15.6.34. His remarks will be borne in mind in dealing with similar cases in future.

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(DM Act with Secy)

(N) Cf also Sec 132 of the DM Act where the word "the Executive Authority may also in its discretion supply water from any municipal installation for domestic consumption".

[G.O.M. 1118 PW(I)D dt 4.6.38]

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SUBJECT:— PW & (I)

Irrigation - Water charge — Non domestic purposes - Bellary Mkt-cl - Reconsideration of previous orders - Refused.

READ AGAIN Govt No 2045 PW (I) dated 31-8-1936 (I)

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READ *ALSO*:—

No. 3051 D 37 From the Commr Bellary Mkt, No. D 9161/37, dated 13-9-1937. (I)

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Order ~~Resolution~~ Ms. No. 1118, dated 4-6-1938

The Govt regret that they are unable to reconsider their orders in Govt No 2045 PW (I) of 31-8-36. The supply of water by Mkt. Cls for non domestic purposes is not obligatory, and as payment is recd by the Councils for such supply no concession in regard to the charge payable to the Govt is permissible.

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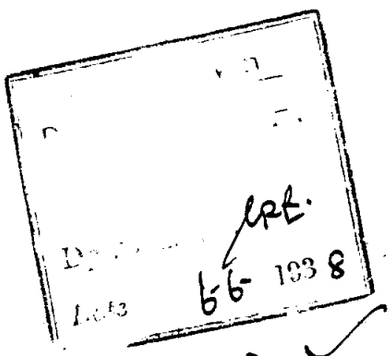

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Do Re Commr Bellary Mkt, this the CMC Copy to the CE(I) Board & Rev.

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Memorandum from the Bellary Municipal Council

Exemption from payment of water rate to Government.

2. Bellary gets its protected water supply from infiltration wells dug in the Hagari and then pumped to a reservoir in the town 215 ' high. The water supply scheme is a non-house service one and yet it has cost the Municipality 10.78 lakhs. In Bellary, the Head Quarters of one of the famine stricken districts, water-tax is levied at 6½% which is felt high. The annual recurring expenditure on water supply is about Rs.50,000 in round figures.

The Municipality has been supplying water to the railway ever since the introduction of the scheme and from 1935 it is claimed by the Government that the one-third of the charges received from the railway should be credited to Government on the ground that the supply is for non-domestic purpose. The wells at the source are on the land alienated to the Municipality and the claim of the Government is based on the a subtle and techinical ground that the springs are in the river bed, belong to Government. We submit that it is a farfetched interpretation. When the instance of Bezwada where no charge is made is cited, it is brushed aside on the ground that the wells there receive their springs not only from the river on one side but from the hill springs on the other side: After all Bellary is in a famine stricken area and this contribution is a mere flea-bite to the Provincial Government but this payment is felt as great hardship by the Municipality. The council earnestly requests that the memorable visit of the Premier to this out of the way place may be associated with the remission of the water-rate.

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6. Tungabhadra project.- Finally we request you to expedite the Tungabhadra project which is the only scheme which can successfully prevent the recurrence of famine in this district. Though this is not a subject with which the Municipal Council is directly concerned we are compelled to invite the attention of the Government to the urgent necessity of its fruition. After all the prosperity of a town is dependent on the surrounding villages and as long as the rural area are famine stricken the Municipal Councils in these areas cannot hope to be financially strong or prosperous.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Education & P.H. Department.

Memorandum presented to the Hon'ble Prime Minister by the Bellary Municipal Council.

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2. Copies of paras 2 and 6 of the Memorandum may be sent to P.W.D. and of para 5 to L.A. for necessary action. Necessary extracts will be sent to them after approval.

S.R.K. 2-8-38.

To the Public Workd Dept.

,, Local Administration Dept.

E & P.H. u.o. No. 30452-1 E & P.H.

F o r w a r d e d.

(By Order)

Superintendent.

MVP

PWD.

Para 2, p1 cf :- charge for the water supplied by the Municipality for non-domestic purposes

Please see the note at pp11-14, the remarks of Hons on p15 & the order on p17 (G.O. No 1118 E dt 4.6.38) for orders if the matter will be reconsidered in view of A on p1 cf.

1/2 cf Para 6 :- Tungabhadra Project

No special action is necessary. The municipality pays 1/3 of what.

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becomes from the Rep. there is no room for complaint
two justification for granting rpl. exemption.

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The papers may be lodged.

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Extract of para 4 from the Memorandum Presented to the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Administration on 27th October 1938 by the Members of the Municipal Council, Bellary.

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4. Before leaving the subject of water supply, the Council begs to urge on the attention of Government the equity and justice of reconsidering the orders of Government in charging the municipality for the water supplied to the Railway locomotives. The water is drawn from the wells sunk in the land alienated in favour of the municipality and the Government have no concern at any stage. The claim is based on a subtle and far-fetched argument that the springs in the wells are fed by the springs in the Hagari River. As the water is not supplied from any system of irrigation or project executed by Government and as they have not incurred any expenditure on this account and as the entire scheme was developed by the Municipality, the Council prays that the Government do consider the orders passed and relieve the municipality of the burden of paying the water rate on the quantity supplied to the Railway.

Edn. & P.H. Department.

Para 4 of the memo.

An extract of this para may be sent to P.W. who are concerned with the subject.

S.R.K.
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To the Public Works Department.

(True copy)

K.S. Krishnaswami
Superintendent

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Prod.

Please see the extract on p/ante.

2. The matter has been fully examined before & there are no new facts. Please see the notes on pp 11-16 & the order at p 17 of Gov no 1118 I & 4.6.38. Subsequently, the matter was reopened in a memorandum to the Premier, & it was considered that there was no justification for granting special exemption to the Bellary mill. In the circs, no further action seems called for now. These papers may be filed with Gov no 1118 I & 4.6.38. Hon (L.A) need not be troubled.

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M. S. MOGRAL, B.A., M.L.A.

MOGRAL
(VIA) KUMBLA
SOUTH KANARA

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
2 JUL 1954
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

22nd June, 1954

The Hon. Minister for Agriculture and National Extension service,
Government of Madras, Madras.

Sir,

Kumbla Firka, owing to its extreme backwardness was the first one to be selected in South Kanara District for intensive development under the Firka Development Scheme. Days and months have rolled into years but still the masses of the area feel that the primary needs of life are still far away from them. With the inauguration of the Firka Development scheme which was later re-named as Rural Welfare Scheme, we expected an era of prosperity for the masses of this area. Though the Rural Welfare scheme has developed into the National Extension scheme the elementary needs of the people of Kumbla Firka still remain unfulfilled.

Hospital:- This vast and thickly populated area does not have a hospital. After the Firka Development scheme came into force in Kumbla Firka, the public of the area were promised a full-fledged hospital to cater to their

needs. The Goernment called upon the people to select a suitable building to house the hospital and deposit one year's rent by public subscription. These demands were duly complied with. But the Government kept silent for some years. Finally last year when we moved the Government again, I received a communication from the Government that the people of Kumbla Firka could seek medical relief at the Kasaragod or Mangalore hospital It may be seen in this connection that Kasaragd is about 8 miles from Kumbla and Mangalore about 21 miles. It is not practicable for the poor patients who generally have recourse to medical aid at a stage when they cannot physically move over long distance. Moreover the rivers that lie in between are not safely fordable during the monsoon and even people that can afford to get a doctor to their houses cannot possibly do so as the rivers are in spate during this period. In view of the actual sufferings of the masses I urged the Government to provide the people of Kumbla with a full fledged hospital as early as possible.

We formed a hospital committee at Kumbla and approached the Central Government for aid. We submitted the plan and

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estimate to the central government to enable the sanction of necessary funds. We understand that as the central Government has allotted seperate funds as central aid to the Madras State for being spent on such schemes, the papers sent by us to the Central Government have been forwarded to the Government of Madras for necessary action. I would therefore request you to kindly give your immediate attention to this matter and direct adequate funds for the inauguaration of a well equipped hospital at Kumbla as early as possible.

3) I wish to add in this onnection that the masses in this area are actually dying in appreciable numbers for want of adequate medical aid and I am sorry to note that such is the miserable plight of people that live in a firka wherein the Firka Development scheme, the Rural Welfare Scheme and the National Extension Scheme have been in force all along. In the face of such a gloomy state of affairs, I am afraid now in the ensuing District Board Elections the masses to whom we have given a rosy picture

of the future masses will ~~react~~ react to the congress party appeal.

4 Roads:- After the devolopment schemes came into force in Kumbla firka several new roads have been constructed but adequate provision has not been made for their proper maintenance. Most of these roads get thoroughly washed away during the monsoon when the heavy down pour of rain damages the roads to such an extent as to even obliterate all traces of the road. Unless the maintenance of these roads is not entrusted to competent hands who can protect and keep up their condition by prompt repairs and safeguards; the mere construction of many roads and counting their mileage for purposes of statistics will do no good to the people.

Electricity:- A good supply of electricity from a reliable and powerful generating source would be a boon to the development of this backward area. Agricultural and industrial development by the application of electric power will go a long away to increase the prosperity of the masses and ensure their welfare on a permanent footing.

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I hope early arrangements could be made to extend the supply ofelectricity from the Jog Power Schemeas already promised by the Government to the Kumbla Firka as early as possible.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

M. S. Mogral
22/6/52

Agri(D.V.) section

Memo.No 91239 DV 54-1 dt 8-7-54.

To

Sri M.S. Nagaraj. BA., MLA,

via Kumbla

S.Kanara Dist

Sir,

N.E.S. –

Sub:- S.Kanara Dist –

Hospital facilities etc.

Ref:- your letter dt 22-6-54. addressed to M(A).

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter cited.

8/7/54

Memo.No 91239 DV/54-2 dt 8-7-54.

N.E.S. –

Sub:- S.Kanara Project.

Hospital, Roads & Electricity – Proposals – Remarks.

Ref:- From Sri. M.S. Nagaraj dt 22.6 [illegible]

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A copy of the letter cited is enclosed. The Collr. of S.Kanara is requested to offer his remarks urgently on the points raised therein.

8/7/54

Copy to:- The B.D.O. Mangalore
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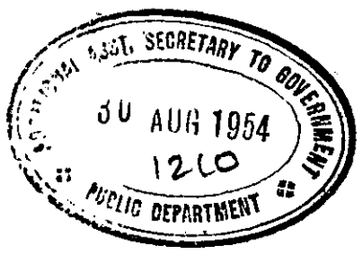

From

Sri V. Seetharama Servai, B.A.,
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (Rural Development Projects)
Department, Fort St. George, MADRAS-9.

Sir,

NATIONAL EXTENSION SERVICE -- South Kanara District - Providing of Hospitals, Roads and Electricity to Kumbla Firka - Remarks submitted.

Ref: Government Memo No.91239 DV-54-2 dated 8-7-54.

The following remarks are offered on the several points raised in the letter of Sri M.S.Mogral, M.L.A., Kumbla, communicated to me in the Government Memo cited.

HOSPITAL

The Block Development Officer Manjeshwar reports that opening of a Hospital at Kumbla will be a great relief to the entire population of the firka and particularly to poor people who are unable to go Mangalore or Kasaragod to seek medical aid. But the Dt. Medical Officer, South Kanara, who was asked to offer remarks on a similar petition forwarded to me for disposal in Government Endorsement No.10869 Agri.DI-53-1 dated 4-12-53, has stated that there is no scope for starting a Hospital at Kumbla at present and that the question may be considered when the daily average attendance in the existing Rural Dispensary at Kumbla, increases. A copy of the Dt. Medical Officer's report C.No.15492-53 dated 19-12-53 is enclosed. In the circumstances the question of starting a Hospital at Kumbla in the place of the existing Rural Dispensary, may be deferred till the increase in the average daily attendance in the Dispensary justifies the starting of a Hospital.

ROADS

The Complaint from Sri M.S.Mogral regarding the maintenanc

of roads is of a general nature mainly intended to remind the authorities of their duties regarding maintenance of completed roads. He has not made mention of any particular road being left in disrepairs. The Block Development Officer Manjeshwar reports that all completed roads have been handed over to Local Bodies concerned for maintenance with instructions to keep them in good condition. I have instructed the Dt. Panchayath Officer, South Kanara and the Special Officer, Dt. Board, South Kanara to pay special attention for the proper maintenance of roads entrusted to them.

ELECTRICITY.

The Block Development Officer Manjeshwar reports that a preliminary survey of the requirements of electricity in the Firka has already been completed and that the Electricity and that the Electricity Department is taking necessary steps to provide electricity to Kumbla both for Industrial and Agricultural purposes.

Yours faithfully,

28-8-54

For Collector.

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Copy of C.No. 15492.53.dated 19.12.1953 from the Dt.Medical Officer, S.Kanara to the Collector of South Kanara.

B7l. 27455/53.dated 9.12.53 -Memorandum submitted by the President and members of the Village Panchyat Kumbla to the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the Government of Madras.

At present there is a rural dispensary at Kumbla. The daily average number of out patients treated in the Rural dispensary at Kumbla during the last year years has been less than 40 and there is therefore no case for converting it into a regular dispensary. The question of coverting the rural dispensary into a regular dispensary or hospital may be deferred until there is an appreciable increase in the attendance. If better in patient facilities are required, there are to more institutions nearer to Kumbla at Kasaragod and Mangalore which are at a distance of 8 and 21 miles respectively.

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To.

Shri N.S. Nagrah, B.A. M.L.A.

P.O. Nagrah,

Via (Kumbla) S. Kanara

CENTRAL DES... BRANCH

Dispatched

Date 2/12/1954. Despatcher's Initials.

Sir,

Sub:- N.E.S — S. Kanara dist — Hospital facilities and etc.

Ref:- Agri. letter No 91239 DL/5-6 dt 5.7.54

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In continuation of the letter cited, I am directed to inform you as follows.

1. Opening of a Rural Dispensary at Kumbla

The daily attendance in the existing dispensary at Kumbla does not warrant the starting of a regular dispensary at present.

2. Maintenance of the Roads.

As & when the roads are completed, they are being handed over to the Local Bodies concerned for proper maintenance & they have been duly instructed to keep these roads in good condition.

3. Supply of Electricity to Kumbla

The preliminary surveying of the requirements of electricity in the Taluka has already been completed & the Electricity Deptt is taking necessary steps for the supplying of Electricity to Kumbla Taluka.

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Public (RDP)-V Deptt.

Sub:- N.E.S. - S.Kanara Dist. - Provision of Hospital, Road and Electricity to Kumbla firka.

Ref:- From Sri M.S.Mogral letter dated 22-6-54
Issued as Letter No.91239-D.V/54-1, d/- 8-7-54.
- Issued as Memo No.91239 D.V/54-2, d/- 8-7-54.
From the Collector of S.Kanara Ref.B.7.17455/54 dated 27-8-54.

Extract of M(A)'s minutes on p. 1 c.f.

" J.S. R.W.
May be acknowledged and looked into for appropriate action.
M.B.
27-6-54"

Please see the letter from Sri M.S.Mogral on pp. 1-5 c.f. M(A)'s minutes thereon extracted above may also be perused.

2. For the reasons stated in para 2 of his letter on pp. 1-3 c.f. Sri Mogral has requested that a well equipped hospital at Kumbla may be started as early as possible so as to give medical relief to the suffering poor people of Kumbla firka. He has also stated that many new roads have been constructed in Kumbla firka after advent of the Development scheme and that these roads get thoroughly washed away during monsoon, as there was no adequate provision for their proper maintenance. It is also stated that necessary arrangements may be made to extend the supply of electricity from Jog Power to Kumbla firka for agriculture and other industrieal purposes.

3. The remarks of the Collector on the requests of Sri Mogral will be found on pp. 9 to 11 c.f. As regards hospital, the Collector has reported that the B.D.O. recommends ~~that~~ the opening of a regular hospital in Kumbla firka. It is however stated that the daily attendance in the existing Rural Dispensary at Kumbla firka does not warrant the starting of a regular ~~dispensary~~ Hospital. The Collector has merely recommend

that the question of opening a hospital in the place of the existing dispensary may be deferred till the increa the attendance at the Rural Dispensary justifies the opening of a hospital. The Collector's recommendation may be accepted. For orders.

Regarding roads, it is stated that the completed roads have been handed over to the Local Bodies concerned for proper maintenance and they have been duly instructed to keep these roads in good condition. No further action appears therefore called for in the matter. For orders.

The Collector has also stated that the preliminary survey of the requirements of electricity in the firka has already been completed and that the Electricity Deptt. is taking necessary steps for the supply of electricity to Kumbla firka. In the circumstances no further action seems called for. For orders.

It is for consideration whether any reply need be sent to Sri Mogral with ref. to his letter on pp. 1-2 c.f. and if so, whether he may be informed of the position set out above. For orders. The case may be circulated to M(A).

A reply may be sent to the M.L.A. on the above lines.

24.9.54

26.9.54

ADDITIONAL ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. 30 SEP 1954 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT